



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia

Sunday December 29th 2024

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AWAY IN AN MANGER

Jesus was Palestinian Jew
He was a Jewish Palestinian too
He realised he was a child of God
Same for you, he said, how sweetly odd.

Love your enemies, he also said
Which turned the local culture on its head
He was a light in all the fear and gloom
Some would say he couldn't read the room

And yet we celebrate his birth by stopping
From work, then drinking beer and shopping
Or seeing in the earth and stars anew
This little baby Palestinian Jew.

PLEASE NOTE

The office telephone is not working.

Therefore if you need to contact the office you only way is via
email.

For the Ministers please use their mobile number printed above.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Have you.....

Contacted Robert Quarrell and let him know what keys to the church premises you have?

Contacted Doug Gorwell for bell ringing lessons or are able to help with gardening duties while Barry is still unable to be here on a regular basis?

Put your order in with Robert Quarrell for a new name badge if you would like one?

Added your name to the monthly roster when asked. The roster for January 2025 is on the table in the foyer for you to do so.

Contacted Dianne Sapwell if you would like a new set of monthly giving envelopes for 2025.

Had your photo taken for the new directory?

Then please do so before the end of 2024. Thank you

To all members of my Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and caring thoughts.
New medication and treatment has helped me turn a corner.

Christmas Wishes and Blessings for the New Year.
From
Lyn Mulligan

SAMMY STAMP

Remember to save all your unwanted used stamps and place them in the marked box on the shelf under the clock in the church foyer.

However there are a few instructions which will assist the Sammy Stamp volunteers in Melbourne with their sorting.

- ❖ Check that stamps are **not heavily franked**.
- ❖ If trimming stamps from envelopes they need to have a 3mm border around the **whole stamp**.
- ❖ If unsure about trimming leave on the envelope!
- ❖ If appropriate leave stamps on postcards.

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR DECEMBER
and JANUARY 2025**

December 29th Christmas 1

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26, Psalm 148,
Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 2: 41-52

January 5th Christmas 2

Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 147: 12-20
Ephesians 1: 3-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-15

Key Verse

**“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with
God and men.**

Luke 2: 52

**CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL
“Acting for Peace together”**

For 75 years, churches and individuals across Australia have been giving hope and practical support to people who need it most.

From supporting refugees after World War 11, to caring for families affected by famine in Ethiopia in the 1980's , and more recently, supporting people fleeing Ukraine, through the Christmas Bowl the church has made an incredible difference in the world.

Please pray and act for peace in the world as Act for Peace celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Christmas Bowl.

There is a special bowl on the table in the foyer for this appeal. Envelopes are also available if you wish to make a direct debit offering.

ROSTERS FOR DECEMBER and JANUARY 2025

December 29th

Welcome and Notices: Dianne Sapwell
Bible Reader: Diane Prowse
Bell Ringer: Rod Greer
Sound: ?????
Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell
Offering and counting: Dianne Sapwell
Morning Tea; Judy & Rod Greer

January 5th

Communion Prep: Dianne Sapwell
Communion Steward: Judy Greer
Welcome and Notices:????
Bible Reader: Diane Prowse
Bell Ringer: Doug Gorwell
Sound:????
Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell
Offering and Counting:????
Morning Tea:????

If you are unable to do your rostered task please endeavour to make your own swap before contacting Dianne Sapwell.
If you do make a swap it would be appreciated if you let Dianne and the Ministers know.

**There are still gaps on the January Roster that need to be filled.
Please add your name today as January is only one week away.
Thank you.**

CAN AND BOTTLE COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this appeal so far.
Please keep up the good work.

The collection bag is located under the switchboard
in the hall foyer.